

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 7048**

August 21, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a physician assistant, who satisfies certain requirements, to complete a certificate of need for the emergency diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of person in need of involuntary hospitalization if no officer authorized to make arrests, authorized licensed physician, or psychologist is available to examine the person.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-6-427(b)(1) a licensed physician assistant with a master's degree and expertise in psychiatry who meets certain requirements can currently exercise the same authority as the proposed legislation.
- The proposed legislation removes the master's degree and expertise in psychiatry requirements from the physician assistant and expands the pool of qualified mental health professionals who can perform the specified duties in relation to completing a certificate of need in support of a person in need of hospitalization.
- Authorizing a physician assistant to perform such duties is not estimated to significantly impact the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Health, or any health-related board.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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